

**If you were a residential or business retail customer of Santee Cooper at any time between November 1, 2009 and February 28, 2021, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.**

*A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation.*

A proposed Settlement of a lawsuit against the South Carolina Public Service Authority (“Santee Cooper”) may affect your rights. In the lawsuit the Plaintiff alleges that residential and business retail customers of Santee Cooper paid increased and improper utility rates in connection with the permitting and construction of coal-fired generation facilities at the Pee Dee Energy Campus (the “Pee Dee Project”) that were not completed. Santee Cooper denies any wrongdoing but has agreed to settle. The Class Action Settlement resolves all claims in the lawsuit.

**This Notice advises you of your rights with respect to the proposed settlement, including the process for receiving payment, your right to exclude yourself from the settlement, and your right to object to the settlement. The Horry County, South Carolina, Court of Common Pleas authorized this Notice.**

**Who is Included?** On July 1, 2021, the Court preliminarily certified the following Settlement Class:

All residential and business retail customers who received power and energy from Santee Cooper and who had Accounts with Santee Cooper between November 1, 2009 to February 28, 2021.

This Notice is being sent to you because you are believed to be a member of this Class. Based on Santee Cooper’s records, you were a residential or business retail customer and paid costs for the Pee Dee Project as part of your Santee Cooper electric bills during the stated time period.

**What Does the Settlement Provide?** Pursuant to the proposed Settlement, in exchange for dismissal of this action and release of claims known and unknown against Santee Cooper, Santee Cooper will pay twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000.00) in cash (the “Settlement Benefit”).

Distributions from the Settlement Benefit will be made to Class Members after deducting attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses approved by the Court, an incentive award to the Representative Plaintiff approved by the Court, and certain administrative and other costs and expenses as specified in the Settlement Agreement. All Class Members are entitled to receive a minimum payment or billing credit of \$5.00, and the remaining Settlement Benefit will be allocated in proportion to the amount the Class Member is estimated to have paid toward the Pee Dee Project. Distributions will be made by check to all former customers and to current customers who will receive \$200 or more, and distributions will be made by bill credit to current customers who will receive less than \$200.

**How Do You Get Benefits from the Settlement?** Class Members entitled to receive a benefit do not need to do anything to receive benefits from the Settlement.

**What Are My Other Options?** If you do not want to be a part of the Settlement, you must exclude yourself (“opt out”) by September 20, 2021. If you opt out, you will not receive any payments or

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bill credits from the Settlement, you may not file an objection to the Settlement, you will not be bound by any judgment in this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, and you may attempt to pursue any claims you have against Santee Cooper at your own risk and expense by filing your own lawsuit. If you stay in the Class, you have the right to object to the fairness of any aspect of the proposed Settlement by September 20, 2021. For instructions on opting out or objecting to the Settlement, view the detailed written notice available at [www.peedeeplantclassaction.com](http://www.peedeeplantclassaction.com) or call 1-800-283-0976.

**Final Hearing and Judgment of the Court.** The Court will hold a hearing to consider the fairness and adequacy of this proposed Settlement and to consider Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses on October 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dorchester County Courthouse, 5200 E. Jim Bilton Boulevard, St. George, SC 29477 or via Webex or other video conferencing means and in compliance with any Standing Order regarding COVID-19. At this hearing, the Court will determine whether the Settlement Class was properly certified and whether the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable and should be finally approved, with judgment entered accordingly. You or your own lawyer, if you have one, are welcome to attend the hearing at your own expense, but your attendance is not necessary.

Class Counsel intend to file a motion for attorneys' fees to be paid from the Settlement Benefit in an amount not to exceed thirty-three and one-third (33.33)% of the Settlement Benefit, plus reimbursement of reasonable litigation expenses incurred and advanced by Class Counsel in this action. Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses must be approved by the Court. Class Counsel will also seek approval of an incentive award to the Representative Plaintiff in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to recognize the Representative Plaintiff's time, energy, and commitment during the litigation.

The descriptions in this Notice are only summaries. If you have any questions or would like more information, including the detailed notice, please contact the Settlement Administrator by phone at 1-800-283-0976, by e-mail at [info@rg2claims.com](mailto:info@rg2claims.com), via mail at Pee Dee Plant Class Action, c/o RG/2 Claims Administration, P.O. Box 59479, Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479 or visit [www.peedeeplantclassaction.com](http://www.peedeeplantclassaction.com). You may also consult with your own attorney.

Please do not call the Judge, Clerk, or Court about this Notice or lawsuit. They will not be able to give you advice or answer your questions.